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Cross References to Related Applications

- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D

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- Background of the Invention

Brief Summary of the Invention

Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)

- Detailed Description

Claim(s)

Abstract of the Disclosure

3. [] Drawing(s) /35 USC 113) [Total sheets -]

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b. [] Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)

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i. [] DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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a. [] Computer Readable Copy

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Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

[X] Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement [] Power of Attorney 9. 0

(when there is an assignee)

10. [] English Translation Document (if applicable)

111. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

[] Copies of IDS Citations

12. [] **Preliminary Amendment**

13. [X] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

(Should be specifically itemized)

14. [X] Small Entity Statement(s)

Statement filed in prior application, Status still proper and desired

Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. [X] Other Claim for Small Entity Status and Change of Address

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Applicants hereby claim Small Entity Status for this application, based on the attached VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN.

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